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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
ECONOMIC DEFENSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEMORANDUM

TO : Executive Committee Members

FROM : Chairman, Executive Committee

SUBJECT: Agenda - Work Program

At the next meeting (Friday, October 24, 10:30 A.M. - Room 4209, Munitions Building SA-20), it is important that consideration be given to work program planning. In this connection, it would be appropriate to discuss ED/EC OM-24, dated December 24, 1957, subject: Revision of Reference Manual on Economic Defense, submitted by the State Department Member.

As another item of the work program, it is important that methods and procedures be adopted and responsibilities fixed for preparing list changes to be recommended to COCOM by the U. S. in the fall of 1959. Some aspects of this work have been given consideration by Commerce, and suggestions of a limited nature were offered to EDIC by the Commerce Member (see memo to EDIC, attached). EDIC discussion and action is reported in EDIC/M-22.

Members are requested to be prepared to recommend program action to be taken on these items.

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August 25, 1958

MEMORANDUM

TO : Chairman
Economic Defense Intelligence Committee

FROM : Commerce Member

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Establishing Several Technical Symposia
Under the Auspices of EDIC

The CG/COCOM revision of the international control system will be drawing to a close during the early part of October. It is anticipated that a review of the control list will occur during the fall of 1959. It appears appropriate to the Department of Commerce Member that advanced consideration should now be undertaken for certain of those areas in which it is possible that present or forthcoming technical developments of security interest will be sufficient to warrant the introduction by the United States of additional recommendations for international controls during or before the fall 1959 review. Such consideration would also have relevance for U. S. controls.

As one of the first steps in such effort, it appears to the Department of Commerce Member that it would be highly desirable if symposia covering the fields of metal alloys and plastics were to be set up for the winter of this year. Such symposia would, it is believed, serve to apprise the Washington technical personnel of the general trend of developments and provide leads whereon technicians might build to develop control definitions which would be acceptable to U. S. agencies for both U. S. control and/or for submission to COCOM for addition to the International List.

It is suggested that such symposia be set up under EDIC since it was under EDIC that the symposium on liquid and solid propellants was established some time ago.

The Commerce Member would be quite happy to discuss this matter in further detail either with you as Chairman of EDIC, in an EDIC meeting which you might call for the purpose, or with such personnel as you may wish to designate to explore this matter further. It is believed that it is a matter of some urgency that a beginning be made in order that the necessary effort can be undertaken and fully completed in adequate time to meet the control need, particularly the negotiations which may have to be undertaken in the fall of 1959.

JMGeorge ibc